



FREE DOVE HUNTING PERMIT

Instructions for applying on-line at www.dnr.illinois.gov

APPLICATION DATES

Internet applications from Illinois residents will be accepted from when available through July 3 for the first lottery. The second lottery deadline date is July 17 for those unsuccessful resident applicants from the first lottery, residents who did not apply in the first lottery and non-residents. **First-come first-served permits. Hunters can acquire their first or second permit on a first-come first served basis beginning at 8:00 AM, July 31st. Permits will remain available until reserved permit quotas are depleted or until 48 hours prior to any hunt date whichever comes first.**

APPLICATION INFORMATION

All initial applications for the Free Dove Hunting Permit program must be made via the Internet accessible at www.dnr.illinois.gov. If you do not have a computer, ask for assistance from a relative, friend or neighbor, or go to a Public Library.

APPLY FOR MULTIPLE SITES

Applicants are allowed to apply for up to five (5) choices for sites, with each choice having one choice for dates.

Drawings for permits at specific sites may be canceled at any time due to flooding, weather, staff shortages or other conditions beyond DNR's control. Hunters are urged to select additional sites on their permit application.

APPLY WITH A PARTNER

Applicants can list a partner on an application, who if successfully drawn, will receive a permit for the same date and hunting area as the partner. Partners cannot: 1) already have applied or 2) apply later on another application.

- Applications from applicants submitting more than one application in each of the OPEN, YOUTH/ADULT and YOUTH categories prior to the first-come first-served period will be rejected and/or revoked.
- Successful applicants will be notified by email or can access the reservation inquiry system to print out the permit and regulations for the site.
- Permits are not transferable.

Call (217) 782-7305 (TTY line for hearing impaired is (217) 782-9175) if you have any questions.

HOW TO FIX YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION ERRORS

If you made a mistake on any portion of your application, mistakenly applied twice or need to cancel an application, notify DNR as soon as possible one of two ways:

1. E-mail DNR.Permits1@illinois.gov and include your name, birth date and a detailed explanation of what needs to be changed (Example: Change my Hunt Area Choice from Coffeen Lake to Horseshoe Lake).
2. Fax (217) 782-5016 (no cover sheet needed but include notation "Attn: Permit Dept.") with the receipt you printed out. Cross out the incorrect information and write the correct information next to it. Sign the receipt.

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR HUNTING AREAS AND INFORMATION

FREE DOVE HUNTING PERMIT AREAS AND HUNTING INFORMATION

Dove hunting at the areas listed is by permit only for the first five days of the season, Sept. 1-5. Thereafter, no permits from Springfield Office are required. Note that some sites require permits for hunting after Sept. 5 which can be obtained from the site. The Youth and Youth/Adult hunt is on Sept. 1.

OPEN (all ages)

Coffeen Lake SF&WA

Des Plaines SF&WA^a

Edward R. Madigan (Railsplitter) SP

Green River SWA^a

Horseshoe Lake SP – Madison Co. (Bend Road Unit)^a

Horseshoe Lake SP – Madison Co. (Chouteau Island Unit)^a

Jim Edgar Panther Creek SF&WA^e

Kankakee River SP^a

Mackinaw River SF&WA^{a, b}

Matthiessen SP

Ramsey Lake SP

Sangchris Lake SP Field^a

Silver Springs SF&WA

OPEN (ALL AGES) AREA HUNTING INFORMATION

- Check-in time: 9-11 a.m.
- Stand-by permits: Openings after 11 a.m. will be filled by a daily drawing if there are more stand-by hunters than openings available.
- Permits void after 11 a.m.

YOUTH/ADULT (permit required)^{c, d}

(Youth and Adult Allowed to Hunt)

Kankakee River SP^a

Mackinaw River SF&WA^a

Mt. Vernon Game Farm^a

Ramsey Lake SP

Sam Parr SF&WA^a

Sangchris Lake SP^a

Silver Springs SF&WA^a

YOUTH and YOUTH/ADULT AREA HUNTING INFORMATION

- Check-in time: 10-11 a.m.
- Stand-by permits available at the site by lottery drawing if vacancies occur.
- Each youth must be accompanied by a supervising adult.
- Permit for Youth/Adult areas entitles supervising adult to hunt.
- Permits void after 11 a.m.

YOUTH (permit required)^{c, d}

(Youth ONLY Allowed to Hunt.)

Horseshoe Lake SP – Madison Co. (Bend Road Unit)^a

Stephen A. Forbes SP

^a non-toxic shot only

^b each permit holder is allowed one hunting partner

^c for the Youth and Youth/Adult hunts – each youth must be accompanied by a supervising adult. If the supervising adult is participating in the Youth/Adult hunt, all license requirements must be met.

^d Youth applicants must be between the ages of 10-15 inclusive.

^e Check in time: 7 A.M. - 11 A.M.

HUNTING INFORMATION (ALL AREAS)

- NONTOXIC SHOT ONLY at Des Plaines, Green River, Horseshoe Lake SP (includes Chouteau Island & Bend Road), Kankakee River, Mackinaw River, Mt. Vernon Game Farm, Sam Parr, Sangchris Lake and Silver Springs.
- Shot size: 7 1/2, 8 or 9 lead or 6 non-toxic steel or smaller or 7 1/2 bismuth or smaller.
- Hunting hours: Noon - 5 p.m.
- Permits are not transferable.
- All hunters must wear a back patch, issued at the area.
- Dove daily limit: 15.¹
- Dove possession limit: 30 after the first hunting day.¹

¹ The daily bag and possession limits include mourning doves and white-winged doves in the aggregate. There is no bag limit on Eurasian-collared doves and ringed turtle doves, but they may be taken only during the established season dates and hours and using only legal methods for mourning doves. Hunters may not remain in the field for the purpose of taking Eurasian-collared doves or ringed turtle doves after they reach their daily bag limit for mourning/white-winged doves.

H.I.P. REGISTRATION

Registration with HIP (National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program) is required to hunt doves in Illinois every year. HIP certifications are available at DNR Direct Automated License System agents, www.dnr.illinois.gov or 1-888-6Permit.



HABITAT STAMP

Before any person 16 years of age or older takes, attempts to take or pursues any species of wildlife protected by the Wildlife Code, except migratory waterfowl, coots and hand-reared birds on licensed game breeding and hunting preserve areas and state controlled pheasant hunting areas, he or she shall first obtain a State Habitat Stamp. Disabled veterans, former prisoners of war and persons who obtained a Lifetime license before Jan. 1, 1993, are not required to obtain a State Habitat Stamp.

LICENSE INFORMATION

You must have a valid Illinois Hunting, Sportsmen's or Apprentice License unless you are:

- an Illinois resident who is disabled and have a State disabled person I.D. card (available from the Secretary of State through the driver's license examining station) showing a P2, P2A, H2 or H2A disability.
- an Illinois resident on active duty and on leave from the U.S. Armed Forces.
- a disabled veteran with a veteran's disability card (at least 10% service related), available from local Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs offices.

Hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1980 must show proof that they have successfully completed the DNR Hunter Safety Training Course. To obtain information about Hunter Safety Education classes scheduled in your area, visit www.dnr.illinois.gov/safety or call the Safety Education Unit 1-800-832-2599.

ILLINOIS APPRENTICE HUNTER LICENSE

The Apprentice Hunter License allows persons age 17 and under to buy an apprentice license and go hunting with a parent, grandparent or guardian who has a valid Illinois resident or non-resident hunting license. Those 18 and older will be able to buy an apprentice license and go hunting with any family member or friend who is a validly licensed Illinois resident or non-resident hunter who is 21 years of age or older. The Apprentice Hunter License is a one-time, non-renewable license and is available to residents and non-residents for \$7. This license is valid from the date issued to the following March 31.

Licenses and stamps are available at DNR Direct Automated License System agents, by phone at 1-888-6Permit or www.dnr.illinois.gov.



Equal opportunity to participate in programs of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and those funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other agencies is available to all individuals regardless of race, sex, national origin, disability, age, religion or other non-merit factors. If you believe you have been discriminated against, contact the funding source's civil rights office and/or the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, DNR, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271, (217) 785-0067; TTY 217-782-9175. This information may be provided in an alternative format if required. Contact the DNR Clearinghouse at (217) 782-7498 for assistance.

This is only a guide to the highlights of the rules and regulations governing turkey hunting. More complete information is available from DNR Regional Wildlife Resources, Law Enforcement Office or the Permit offices.

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